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1. On [REDACTED] Boonmee Latiprasat, a contributor to Mahachon, Lak Chai, and Siang Thai, introduced Kamwong (fnu), a member of the Free Lao movement to Chinda Chindanaseri*, Thai translator at the Soviet Legation.
2. Kamwong informed Chinda that Maj. Gen. Vichien Muangkhot**, former commander of a unit of the Free Lao forces, had been unsuccessful as a leader and was now considered unreliable. Kamwong requested Chinda to introduce him to an official of the Soviet Legation with whom the Free Lao could carry on "political relations". It is not known whether Chinda agreed to make the introduction.*** Chinda, who is half Vietnamese, is probably not a Communist Party member; however, he is a Communist sympathizer and he states that he is now in the Communist "probationary" period.
3. According to Chinda, officials of the Soviet Legation serve as advisors to the Communist underground movement, although they appear to be carrying out a policy of non-interference.

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*- Comment. states that Vichien's Free Lao troops have been disbanded. According to this report, Vichien has tried frequently to contact Chinese Communists in China and Bangkok to secure their support; however, he was unsuccessful because the Communists did not trust him.

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*** Comment. The Soviets may not be eager to become involved with such a small group as the Free Laos, since they already are working in Indochina with the Viet Minh and the Chinese Communists. It is quite possible that the Soviets are depending on the Viet Minh to render the necessary assistance to the Free Laos, since the Viet Minh now practically controls the Free Lao movement.

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